

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 15-20 are pending in the current application.

Two issues were raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, which characterized the previous response as not fully responsive:

1) It is stated in the Notice that Applicants have failed to clarify how the amendment to Claim 11 relates to the polyisocyanate secondary products, and further asserted that it cannot be clearly determined if the polyisocyanate secondary product is governed by the claimed percentages.

Claim 11 reads as follows (including the previous amendment of November 3, 2006):

11. A polyisocyanate or polyisocyanate secondary product produced by the process according to Claim 1, wherein when a polyisocyanate is produced, the polyisocyanate comprises 2-35 wt.% allophanate groups, 0.1-5 wt.% uretdione groups, 0-5 wt.% oxadiazinetriene groups and 0.1-25 wt.% urethane groups.

Applicants respectfully submit that the language of Claim 11 is clear on its face. Two types of products are produced by the process according to Claim 1: i) polyisocyanates (when isocyanates are the starting materials); and ii) polyisocyanate secondary products (when polyisocyanate secondary products are the starting materials). Claim 11 clearly states that when a polyisocyanate is produced (e.g., the starting materials are in fact isocyanates), the recited ratios apply. The claim does not state "when a polyisocyanate or a polyisocyanate secondary product is produced...". Therefore, the language of the claim on its face indicates that the ratios apply only when a polyisocyanate is produced, NOT a polyisocyanate secondary product. Applicants explained this language in the response submitted on November 3, 2006. Applicants would welcome a telephone call from the Examiner to discuss how this language can be further clarified.

2) It is stated in the Notice that Applicants have failed to provide a definition for R in Claim 16.

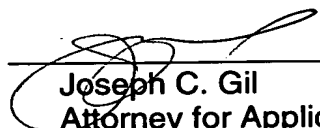
Applicants respectfully submit that the definition of R is already found in the claim, which reads, in pertinent part,

"Y represents an organic radical -OR containing at least one activated double bond".

R is an organic compound containing at least one activated double bond. Y is thus an alcohol-containing organic compound having at least one activated double bond, from which the proton has been removed (hence the term "radical"). One skilled in the art would recognize, upon reading the claim, what was intended; there is nothing indefinite or undefined about this language.

Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding issues have been addressed, and that Claims 1-11 and 15-20 are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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